



PUBLIC POLICY STANDING COMMITTEE

DRAFT MINUTES

June 2, 2011

1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Developmental Disabilities Planning Council

1740 West Adams, Conference Room 204

Phoenix, Arizona 85007

A standing committee meeting of the Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (ADDPC) was convened on June 2, 2011 at the DDPC, 1740 West Adams, Conference Room 204, Phoenix, Arizona 85007. Notice having been duly given. Present and absent were the following members of the ADDPC.

Members Present	
Leslie Cohen, Chair, Teleconference	Rosemarie Strout, Teleconference
Monica Cooper,	Elmer Saufkie, Teleconference
Karla Phillips, Teleconference	Matt McMahon
Chuck Ryan,	

Staff/Guests Present	Members Absent
Larry Clausen, Executive Director	Joyce Millard-Hoie
David Daugherty, Morrison Institute	
C.J. Eisenbarth Hager, Morrison Institute	
Erica Skogebo Edwards, Morrison Institute	

A. Call to Order

Leslie Cohen, Chairperson, welcomed everyone to the Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (ADDPC or Council) Public Policy Standing Committee meeting. The meeting was called to order at 1:05 P.M. A call was made for members to voice potential conflicts with items on the agenda. No conflicts were voiced.

B. Review of Minutes

Leslie Cohen asked for a review the minutes of the April 26, 2011 Public Policy Standing Committee. The meeting minutes were reviewed with no discussion.

- A motion was made by Monica Cooper to approve the minutes.
- Matt McMahon seconded the motion.
- The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

C. Introduction of the Morrison Institute – Public Policy Contractor

The principals of the Morrison Institute who will be working with the ADDPC on public policy issues were introduced:

- David Daugherty, Director of Research
- C.J. Eisenbarth Hager, Senior Policy Analyst
- Erica Skogbo Edwards, Research Assistant

All three persons provided information on their background in public policy analysis, especially related to working with other state and national agencies. Erica also shared her personal background in developmental disabilities and described her recent attainment of a PhD.

D. Review of Public Policy Contract

Larry Clausen reviewed the Scope of Work developed for the Interagency Service Agreement with the Morrison Institute. Karla Phillips inquired about the Institutes previous background in tracking and reporting upon legislative issues and activities occurring during the legislative session. David Daugherty report that the Institute has been actively involved in tracking legislative issues, and while not performing comprehensive tracking of multiple bills, was well equipped to do so in performing activities described within the Scope of Work. Karla noted that while extensive and in-depth research projects could be helpful, due to their size, they were rarely read by the audience the research was intended for. Instead, Karla voiced her opinion that the Institute in preparing reports should focus on shorter, 1-2 page documents. David responded in concurrence with Karla, and noted that in=depth research did not have to result in sizeable and lengthy reports.

E. Development of Public Policy Topics

Leslie Cohen opened the floor to discussion of potential topics that should be considered by the Institute in developing research and policy statements. The following topic areas were suggested:

1. Tracking and detailing litigation pertaining to AHCCCS cuts and Proposition 204, while providing basic information on AHCCCS and ALTCS as information to fully inform consumers.
2. Defining what other states have done as best practices to protect the interests of persons with developmental disabilities in areas such as employment, education, etc.
3. Evaluating the Employment First movement that is spreading across the U.S.
4. Providing background on programs such as the Coolidge facility and other Intermediate Care Facilities providing services to persons with developmental disabilities.
5. Defining specific areas related to secondary education transition related to existing federal and state laws and funding.
6. Developing background on post-secondary education within Arizona to define existing programs and benchmarking against other states.

After discussion, the Committee prioritized the six items for implementation by ADDPC staff and the Morrison Institute in the following order: First – Item 1; Second – Item 5; Third – Item 3; Fourth – Item 4; Fifth – Item 6: Sixth – Item 2.

F. UPDATE: New Website

Larry discussed the progress being made with the new website which was approved by the Council at the May meeting. Larry will be meeting with IT staff from the Department of Economic Security and representatives from COMSYS the afternoon of June 3, 2011. At that meeting the work plan and costs will be discussed. Larry will be working with COMSYS to further refine the project to eliminate costs and reduce the total expenditure as much as possible. He will also have a revised time line for implementation and final completion of the project which will be shared with the Committee when finalized.

G. Business Updates and News

Committee members had no updates to share.

H. Future Meeting Date & Agenda Items

No meeting date was set. A new meeting time will be decided upon later in the summer. Leslie requested that in the future, meeting times for the Committee be set at 90 minutes, rather than two hours as currently established.

I. Call To The Public

No public representatives were present.

J. Adjournment

A motion was made by Monica Cooper and seconded by Elmer Saufkie to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 P.M.